

11th September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Newsletter No 2

I am starting with a huge 'CONGRATULATIONS' today to all our new Reception children. From day one, on Monday, and throughout the week, they have come into school calmly and ready to embrace whatever Mr Johnston and his team have in store! I hope to include some photos next week from their first day in school once I have received photo consent. Please can I ask for these consent packs to be returned on Monday. Thank you.

I am also very impressed with how adaptable the rest of the school children have been with the new routines and procedures around school. Without exception, they very quickly understand a new rule and each morning they settle quickly to their learning. Well done everyone.

I also want to thank you all for your continued efforts too. The staggered start and end of day routine is much calmer now at each gate. Just a few observations to pass on:

- Some Year 5 and 6 children are coming onto the playground early when only the Year 4 children and families should be walking around. If you do have children in Year 5 and 6 then please keep them with you until 8.40 - 8.50 am. It may be best to leave sibling drop-offs that are between 8.30 - 8.40 am to the later minutes in this slot so that you are able to then walk straight down to the bottom gate for 8.40 am, thanks. Please note, Year 5 and 6 children who are accessing school too early will be directed to sit in the ICT suite.
- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a piece of fruit from school each day. They now sit at their table to eat this fruit and therefore you may find that a second/home snack may not be eaten or finished.
- Many families have acted this week to reduce the items coming to school – thank you for helping us all keep safe at school and limit cross-contamination. To support this further, I have ordered welly pegs ready for forest school and trollies for each KS2 class so that packed lunches can be put straight on these and not left in bags or in the cloak rooms.

Reception Class – school day timings

After a fantastic first week we are going to revert back to the staggered start time of 8.40 am to 8.50 am. Please can I remind you all that it should be only one adult dropping and collecting and collection will be from the same main gate between 3.30 and 3.40 pm. It may be useful to queue up the hill, on the carpark side of school, rather than further down in front of school in order to limit the mixing with other year group. Thank you.



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Meet the teacher

From w/c 21st September, each class will be offering two different time slots for parents/carers to virtually meet their child's new class teacher and hear about plans for the year and term. Further details will come out in a letter on Monday.

Parent Councillor

We presently have a few parent councillors who volunteered last year to meet with me half-termly to discuss ideas/issues regarding specific year groups and whole-school plans and events. It would be lovely to extend this group. Please email me if you would like more information or a chat about possibly putting yourself forward, thanks.

Parent Consents:

Next week, please look out for the on-line questionnaire to confirm that you have read and agree to the following school policies:

Zero tolerance

Parent/Carer code of conduct

Online code of practice

Complaints policy

There are still some home school agreements outstanding too.

Data Collection Sheets

At this time of year, we ask parents and carers to review contact details that we hold for them. Data collection sheets have been sent home today; please **only** return these if there are any changes.

Pupil Premium

Additionally, parents and carers will have received a letter and form with the school pupil premium offer. We ask that all families please complete and return this form to school, (Reception class received their copy earlier in the week). many **thanks.**

Club Information

This was sent home earlier in the week; please sign up for clubs on parentpay. We have had to limit numbers due to social distancing requirements.

Breakfast and After-school Provision

The Breakfast Club and the After School Club has worked well this week with children remaining in their four bubbles for these extended services. All children must also be booked into the sessions beforehand so that we are fully aware of numbers. Although we will be offering breakfast, please be aware that a snack is required for children attending after school club until 21st September. Meeting the children at the main gate for the start of the day at 7.45 am, 8 am or 8.15 am is working well and we will deliver children to the gate at the end of the day, at 4.00 pm, 4.30 pm, 5pm and 5.30 pm.

Flu Vaccinations

Somerset SAINT Immunisation Team are due to visit the school on 22nd September to administer Flu Vaccinations to all consented pupils. You will have already received the parent/guardian letter which included information and the following link for consent forms to be completed electronically: <https://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/east> **The link will close by 16th September 2020. All forms will need to be submitted by this date; please complete the consent form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination.**



Intake September 2021

In the next couple of weeks, I can let you know about our plans for supporting new families to find out about Tatworth ready for our Reception 2021 intake, please watch this space!

School Photos

Just to let you know that the photographer will be in school on Tuesday 29th September, taking pupil portraits and photos with siblings at school during school time. We will not be able to have preschool photos this year or family portraits before school. Thank you for your understanding.

Celebration Assembly

Again, today we conducted our Celebration Assembly from our classrooms. Our certificate winners this week are:

Acorn Class: The whole of Acorn Class for settling so well into school this week.

Oak Class: **Orla** for being motivated and engaged all week and **Elliot** for keeping going until he gets it right!

Beech Class: Both **Paige** and **Benjamin** for being kind, thoughtful and caring to others in class.

Willow Class: **Aubree** for excellent listening and following routines carefully. **Harrison** for excellent effort and attitude and always following routines promptly.

Hawthorn Class: **Charlie G** for settling in so well and **Josh T** for engaged learning.

Hazel Class: **Brooke** for being motivated and engaged and having an excellent attitude to learn in class.

Buddy for aiming high in his learning and challenging himself to do even better.

Yew Class: **Bruce** for excellent effort with his writing and **Rihanna** for demonstrating excellent learning behavior.

Also, congratulations to Phin for being our first gold card award this academic year.

This week, Year 1 enjoyed reading and performing the nonsense poem "On the Ning Nang Nong," by Spike Milligan. Afterwards, they used what they had learnt about syllables and rhyming words to write their own verse of the poem. Here it is:

On The Zing Zang Zong by Oak Class

On the Zing Zang Zong
Where the pigs go dong
And the cheetahs all go bonk!
There's a Zang Zong Zing
Where the cars go ping
And the eagles jigger jagger jonk!

If you have a child in Year 1, why not ask them to perform it to you? They are very good!

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend. It's supposed to be warm and sunny.

Kind regards



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